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(c) whether the Divisional Officer of Chidambaram has already submitted any such statement to the Collector; and

(d) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to ascertain the reason for the delay, if any, in the matter?

A.—(a) No.

(b), (c) & (d) The Collector has reported that the parties likely to be affected by the proposed syphon have no objection to it. The proposal has been approved by the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know when the proposal was approved by the Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Quite recently."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know what is the scope of the new scheme approved by the Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know how many villages will be benefited by this proposed scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Notice, Sir."

Expenditure on minor irrigation in Chittoor district.

*352 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the allotment for minor irrigation work in Chittoor district for each of the years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929;

(b) how much was spent during each of these years; and

(c) what are the reasons for the unspent balance, if any?

A.—(a) & (b) The following statement shows the allotment for, and the expenditure on, minor irrigation works in the Chittoor district for the official years 1926–27 to 1929–30:—

	Allotment.	Expenditure.
	RS.	RS.
1926–27	44,000	43,999
1927–28	40,000	38,161
1928–29	49,027	48,726
1929–30	60,120	60,012

(c) There are no special reasons.

Repairs to the sluice of the Pidarithangal ayacut.

*353 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of the ayacut under Pidarithangal in Velambut village of Gudiyattam taluk;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sluice of the Thangal has been out of repair and that on a petition presented by the ayacutdars for its repair, the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, ordered them to pay up to Government three-fourths of the probable charges; and

(c) why there was a call for contribution from the ayacutdars?

A.—(a) 9·02 acres.
(b) & (c) The Government have not the information. They have called for a report.

Alleged opening of a canal bund by the Sub-Collector of Tiruppattur.

* 354 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, accompanied by a few Muhammadans went to Anandipattu village and cut open the bunds of a channel passing through the village;

(b) under whose authority he did so;

(c) whether he held any enquiry prior to taking such action and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the Council table the papers connected with it; and

(d) whether some of the ryots affected thereby have submitted a petition to the Collector of North Arcot about this high-handed act of the Sub-Collector and, if so, what action has been taken on the petition and on the conduct of the Sub-Collector?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have not the information. They have called for a report.

Revenue Establishments

Promotions in the Revenue Department of the South Arcot district.

* 355 Q.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints that promotions in the Revenue department of the South Arcot district to the posts of Head Accountants, Magistrates and Tahsildars are made without reference to efficiency and the fair representation of the non-Brahmans in the services?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI:—"May I know whether the hon. Member for Revenue will be pleased to cause an enquiry to be made in this matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I don't think there is any need, because at the head of every district, there is the Collector, and the Board of Revenue has authority to control the work of Collectors and the members of the Board inspect their work from time to time."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government have satisfied themselves that all communities receive fullest consideration in the matter of promotion in the Revenue department in the South Arcot district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"We made no inquiry at all."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Is it a fact that preference is being given to one particular community to the detriment of others?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I have no information."